

## IRREGULARITIES IN HENRICO

How the Free Silver Machine Got in Its Work in the County.

## ALMOST A RIOT AT SMITHERS!

The Voters Becoming Weary of Their Long Wait Made a Rush for the Booths and Trampled them Underfoot.

The Vote at Other Precincts.

The Chicago party machine of Henrico county was in perfect working order yesterday, and there is no denying that the anti-sound-money men had things all their own way, regardless of law and justice.

While the dilatory tactics were practiced at many of the other precincts, to a greater or less degree, it remained for the far-famed Smithers' to eclipse them all in point of high-handed and lawless methods employed in the casting of the ballot.

It is impossible to estimate how much the interest of the sound-money party suffered in the county, but if Smithers' can be taken as an example, the large majority of the sound-money vote remained uncast when the polls were closed.

Especially does this refer to the negro vote, against whom the machine was most fierce in its methods of obstructing and delaying their ballots.

This fact alone shows the great strength of the sound-money vote in the county, for had the free silverites won certain of a majority it is hardly possible that they would have brought to bear such high-handed proceedings as they employed yesterday.

## METHODS EMPLOYED AT SMITHERS' PRECINCT.

For a long time the reputation of Smithers' for frauds has been well known, but yesterday revealed the fact that the limit had been far better reached.

Such high-handed were the methods employed at Smithers' that even many of the supporters of free silver condemned them.

It is needless to say that Registrar J. R. Syrce, assisted and abetted by his associates, were the prime factors of the proceedings.

## POLLS OPENED AT 8:15.

The polls were not opened until 8:15 o'clock, for at precisely that hour the first ballot was cast. When it was announced that the polls were open a long line of voters were already on hand ready to cast their votes.

Although three booths had been provided and placed in position the voters were only allowed to use one, which necessitated the casting of but one vote at a time.

Syrsie, when questioned about the matter, said that the judges had agreed among themselves to utilize only one booth. First a white voter would be called and after he had cast his ballot a negro was allowed to come forward, but to be promptly challenged by a free silver challenger who sat by the booth. On a first estimate it took about eight minutes for a negro to cast his vote.

The sound-money people appealed to Registrar Syrce to remove the challenger, but he refused to do so to their plea for justice and honesty.

## THE MONEY CHARGE.

This state of affairs continued until about 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

By this time the disgusted crowd of voters, who had gradually been edging their way nearer and nearer the booths, became uncontrollable and made a break for the goal.

In a moment they were turned over and trampled under foot.

Then the crowd centered around the door of the precinct, which is a carriage shop, where the horses and buggies were stored.

Some voters took them across the streets and prepared them with the assistance of friends.

In this scuffle the free silver voters were the unsuccessful depositors of their ballots. The negroes endeavored to get up to the door of the shop, but with little success.

At 8:30 o'clock the confusion and disorder was somewhat quieted by Registrar Syrce, who announced that the polls were closed.

## AT SMITHERS' PRECINCT.

At Smithers' the machine was less open in its manipulations, but nevertheless the ring was very much in evidence.

The vote was not delayed here as much as elsewhere, but still the polls were closed before the entire vote had been cast.

Among the irregularities to be observed at Smithers' was the case of the soldiers from the Soldiers' Home, who were driven in wagons inside the 20-foot limit, and prepared their ballots in the carriages.

It was also found necessary at this place to have a new ballot-box made, too precious insufficient to hold the ballots that were cast.

## J. W. SOUTHARD ARRESTED.

At Hardin's Shop J. W. Southard was arrested by the judges of election for keeping a saloon.

After being under arrest for three hours, he was released. His arrest caused a delay to the voting. At the time he was arrested, he was standing outside the limits as required by law, and he claimed that they had no jurisdiction over him.

Beyond the irregularities practiced, as far as could be learned, the election was an exceedingly orderly one. A large vote was out, but it cannot correctly be estimated, as a great proportion of it was not cast.

## RETURNS FROM HENRICO.

SO FAIR Head From Lamb Is Leading Town in the County.

The election in Henrico, as far as personal encounters were concerned, passed off very quietly. A large vote was out, but owing to the methods employed by the free silverites, a great portion of it remained uncast when the polls were closed.

It is almost conceded by the Republican leaders that the returns will give a slight Democratic majority, but at this time they have not yet given up the county. Had this full vote been allowed to be polled the Republicans would have carried the county by a safe majority.

The complete returns from Henrico district are as follows:

Bryan ..... 655  
McKinley ..... 169  
Palmer ..... 4  
Levering ..... 2  
For Congress ..... 4  
Lamb ..... 2

Twelve precincts out of seventeen in the county, including Brookland district, as the board from give:

Bryan ..... 1,504  
McKinley ..... 1,232  
Palmer ..... 27  
Levering ..... 9  
McKinley ..... 4  
For Congress ..... 1,707  
Lamb ..... 1,267  
Alwood ..... 14  
Mitchell ..... 2

It is claimed that a great many声票 were thrown out by the judges of election.

## FIVE PRECINCTS TO BEAR FROM

Twelve precincts out of seventeen were heard from last night. By a glance at the appended table it will be seen that Bryan and Lamb will doubtless have a majority in the county, as it is hardly

probable that the remaining precincts to hear from can alter the result.

The Republicans say that they will contest the district.

The returns from Smithers' will probably be thrown out, that is if they are ever heard from.

William H. Lewis and E. H. Lewis received a small scattering vote in the county.

Eighty-four votes were thrown out at Pocahontas.

The returns, as far as received, are as follows:

For President and Vice-President:

Bryan and Sewall ..... 1,165  
McKinley and Holbert ..... 105  
Traylor and Tucker ..... 1  
Levering and Johnson ..... 1  
Matthews and Maguire ..... 1  
Lamb ..... 1  
Alwood ..... 1  
Lewis ..... 1  
Mitchell ..... 1

Total vote cast ..... 1,165

## VOTE IN VIRGINIA

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Hobson (Pop.) ..... 1,116  
Horner (Proh.) ..... 284

Democratic plurality ..... 830

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Levering and Johnson, 1 each. For Congress—Flood, 28; Yost, 301.

SWINGINGA, MCKINLEY, majority at Washington, Yost, 44.

MONTREAL, VA.—Yost, 10:30 P. M., 4

precincts out of 17 in Nelson county give Bryan and Sewall, 511; Watson, 6; McKinley and Hobart, 53; Palmer and Buckner, 15; Levering and Johnson, 1. For Congress: Flood (Democrat) 509; Yost (Republican), 282.

## ROCKBRIDGE.

LEXINGTON, VA.—Lexington and three precincts in the county of Rockbridge give McKinley 313 majority—a Democratic loss of 61 in these four precincts in Rockbridge county.

LEXINGTON.—Lexington gives Yost a majority of one hundred and seventy-five as against eighty-five for Tucker in 1862.

NATURAL BRIDGE.—Three precincts in Natural Bridge district give McKinley 24; Yost, 56, majority. A loss of about 100 from Cleveland's vote of 1862.

BUELA VISTA, VA.—Bryan, 29; McKinley, 184. Bryan majority, 55; Cleveland's majority in 1862 was 225. Flood, 25; Yost, 29. Flood's majority, 6. Tuck er's majority in 1862 was 159.

NATURAL BRIDGE, VA.—This precinct gives Bryan 2 majority over McKinley; Flood 1 over Yost—a Republican gain of 67 over the vote of '62.

LEXINGTON, VA.—Bryan, 25; McKinley, 48; Palmer, 5; Congress—Yost, (Rep.), 48; Flood (Dem.), 23; Republican gain of over 200. Rockbridge county will go 60 Republican, a Democratic loss of 1,600 compared with 1862. Seventeen precincts, including Lexington, out of twenty-one, give McKinley 55 majority; Yost, 53. Other precincts will increase the Republican majority.

## FOR COMPARISON.

The Official Vote of Virginia for President in 1852.

DEM. REP. 34 PART. TOTAL.

District. Item. Rep. Pop. Proh.

First ..... 1,168 6,944 661 293

Second ..... 12,375 8,868 1,511 231

Third ..... 17,143 4,652 1,088 281

Fourth ..... 1,168 7,761 1,116 281

Fifth ..... 1,169 8,117 1,121 249

Sixth ..... 19,662 8,283 1,559 52

Seventh ..... 11,655 9,569 1,224 246

Eighth ..... 19,801 9,570 1,224 246

Ninth ..... 14,267 11,242 1,574 246

Tenth ..... 12,467 11,143 1,589 246

Eleventh ..... 12,467 11,143 1,589 246

Twelfth ..... 12,467 11,143 1,589 246

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